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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/788,225	ENNS ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 October 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.      2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.  
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some \* c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                             | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____  |
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1. Claims 1-19 are presented for examination.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

3. Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Henderson et al. (Henderson) patent no. 6,185,603.

4. As to claim 1, Henderson teaches the invention as claimed, including a method for sending a message using at least one transport, comprising:

receiving data including at least one address; and for each address in the data (col. 6 line 61 - col. 9 line 49),

determining a transport to deliver the message using data associated with the address (col. 3 lines 4-10; col. 6 line 61 - col. 9 line 49); and

setting a flag associated with the message to indicate the determined transport (col. 3 lines 4-10).

2. As to claims 2-4, Henderson teaches determining the transport includes examining the data associated with the address for pre-defined patterns; an address is determined to be a wireless address if the address contains numbers, and determined

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to be a default transport if the data associated with the address contains no identifiable predefined pattern (col. 6 line 61 - col. 9 line 49).

5. As to claims 5-6, Henderson teaches the data associated with the address explicitly indicates that a particular transport should deliver the message to the address; and the data is associated with the address in response to a user selecting the address from a list (col. 6 line 61 - col. 7 line 19).

6. As to claims 7-8, Henderson teaches each transport performing the actions of: determining if the flag indicates the transport should deliver the message; and if so, delivering the message; and each transport performing the actions of: determining if the transport is a last transport to send the message; and if so, further processing the message (col. 5 lines 16-30; col. 6 line 61 - col. 9 line 49).

7. As to claims 9-11, Henderson inherently teaches an email system that capable of processing the message includes moving the message to a destination folder; the destination folder is a sent items folder or a deleted items folder (col. 4 line 47 - col. 5 line 31).

8. Claims 12-19 have similar limitations as claims 1-11; therefore, they are rejected under the same rationale.

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9. In the remarks, applicant argued in substance that

(A) Prior art does not teach determining a transport to deliver the message using data associated with an address.

As to point (A), Henderson teaches determining whether to use facsimile, pager, telephone, voice mail, or normal email to deliver a message using data associated with an address, addressee information, destination, or email recipient (col. 3 lines 4-10; col. 6 line 61 - col. 9 line 49).

(B) Prior art does not teach setting a flag associated with the message to indicate the determined transport.

As to point (B), Henderson teaches using predefined escape sequence !#page, !#phone, etc. to set a flag associated with the message to indicate the determined transport (col. 3 lines 4-10).

10. Applicant's arguments filed on 10/04/2004 have been fully considered but they are not deemed to be persuasive.

11. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS FINAL ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ACTION. IN THE EVENT A FIRST RESPONSE IS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION AND THE ADVISORY ACTION IS NOT MAILED UNTIL AFTER THE END OF THE THREE-MONTH SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD, THEN THE SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD WILL EXPIRE ON THE DATE THE ADVISORY ACTION IS MAILED, AND ANY EXTENSION FEE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) WILL BE CALCULATED FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THE ADVISORY ACTION. IN NO

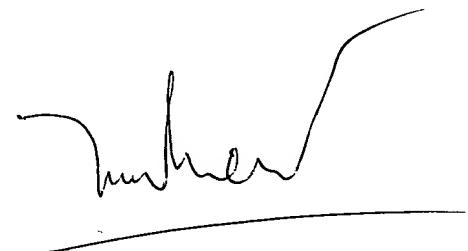
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EVENT WILL THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE EXPIRE LATER THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION.

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Le H Luu whose telephone number is 571-272-3884. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on 571-272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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